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SUBJ: SC-III, WG-3, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SR) 26 JULY

1. CHAIRMAN WG-3 ON SR PROPOSED SHORTENING TITLE ITEM 1.2 TO BE DISCUSSED "RIGHT TO UNDERATKE MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITHIN NATIONAL JURISDICTION AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA" BY DELETING ALL WORDS AFTER "RESEARCH". PERU COUNTER-PROPOSED REMOVING WORDS "RIGHT TO UNDERTAKE". DEBATE FOLLOWED WITH ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL OBJECTING TO CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL AND BULGARIA AND SOVS SUPPORTING IT. FRANCE, US, SOVS STRONGLY OBJECTED TO PERU PROPOSAL. MEXICO CITED WG-2 EXPERIENCE OF DECLARING HEADING OF ITEM IN INFORMAL PAPER AS CHAIRMAN'S WORK AND NO PARTICULAR POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THEM. US STRONGLY SUPPORTED THIS. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED HE WOULD MEET LATER WITH INTERESTED PARTIES TO RESOLVE QUESTION.

2. WG THEN PROCEEDED TO QUESTION OF OBJECTIVES OF SR AND,
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ADDING TO DEFINITIONS ALREADY CITED IN WORKING PAPER #2,

MEXICO PROPOSED ADDING INDIRECT OBJECTIVE OF ENHANCING THE CAPABILITIES OF DEVELOPING STATES, AND THE US (AMB. MCKERNAN) PROPOSED CONSIDERATION OF ART. 1 OF US DRAFT ARTICLES. WG THEN ADJOURNED AND INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP CONVENED.

3. COMPOSED OF APPROXIMATELY 12 DELEGATES (NO AFRICANS) INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP NARROWED DEFINITIONS DOWN TO TWO POSSIBILITIES WITH SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HOLDING RESERVATIONS ABOUT BOTH. THESE ARE:

(A) MARINE SR IS ANY STUDY AND RELATED EXPERIMENTAL WORK INTENDED INCREASE MANKIND'S KNOWLEDGE OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT, CONDUCTED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR IN FOLLOWING ARTICLES;
AND (B) SR IS ANY STUDY AND THE RELATED EXPERIMENTAL WORK OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN MANNER PROVIDED FOR IN FOLLOWING ARTICLES.

4. US INDICATED QUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR EITHER DEFINITION WITH THE CONDITION THAT ARTICLES WOULD CONTAIN OBJECTIVES OF SR, WERE OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY, AND FOOTNOTE BE ADDED READING: "SOME...DELEGATIONS WERE OF THE OPINION THAT AN ARTICLE ON DEFINITIONS WAS NOT NECESSARY AND THAT THE ARTICLES TO BE DRAFTED ON THE OBLIGATIONS OF STATES WOULD INDIRECTLY, BUT CLEARLY, ESTABLISH THE MEANINGS INTENDED."

5. SOVS CONSIDERED DEFINITIONS UNACCEPTABLE UNLESS THEY INCLUDED MENTION THAT SR WAS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND EXCLUDED COMMERCIAL OBJECTIVES. THEY PREFERRED INCLUSION OF OBJECTIVES IN PREAMBLE BUT WERE NOT CONVINCED THEIR OBJECTIONS COULD BE SATISFIED IN SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES, AND ASKED FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON 27 JULY.

6. DEFINITION IN 3(B) ABOVE WAS OPENLY SUPPORTED BY BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, MEXICO, CANADA, US AND UK. MALTA AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MAINTAINED DEFINITION NOT EXPLICIT ENOUGH AND T AND T NOTED THAT IF SR CANNOT BE DEFINED THEN THERE IS GREATER CASE FOR STRONGER REGULATIONS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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